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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with [redacted] and his Cousin

1. On 15 February I went to the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in New York registering under the name of [redacted] and met with [redacted] and his cousin [redacted] for approximately 5 hours during which we discussed activities and support of the opposition in the Dominican Republic.

2. I might mention that we have recently been informed by U.S. Consul [redacted] that in his opinion [redacted] is the king pin of the plot in the Dominican Republic. I would like to say that after this and previous meetings with [redacted], I am strongly inclined to concur in the U.S. Consul's opinion.

3. First off, I explained the authorization for the delivery of arms and other materials under certain conditions and suggested that we go into the details of how such delivery might be effected. I said that it had been suggested that an island cache near the Dominican Republic could be picked up by the internal action groups, but the cousin and I ruled out this possibility saying that all these islands, although sparsely populated, are regularly patrolled by Dominican guards. They did however agree that a boat-to-boat delivery could be made off the coast of the Dominican Republic from vessels under our control to fishing vessels owned by younger members of the internal front. They said however that the delivery would have to be made near the mouth of a river since the plotters would not be able to unload on patrolled beaches but would have to sail up some river for some distance before the materiel could be securely unloaded. [redacted] played down somewhat the necessity for delivery of arms although he did say that it is desirable and should be a part of the planning. He said that members of the opposition could, if they wanted to, obtain small quantities of arms from army contacts from Dominican Army munitions depots but that any arms so obtained would have to be used very quickly before their loss is discovered. For this reason, he said it would be desirable to have arms delivered by us that could be stored for use at any moment desired.

4. [redacted] said that the object of obtaining this kind of help anyway is the elimination of Trujillo and instead of using arms or grenades he began to speak of more exotic materials and methods which he thought could be more easily adapted. First of all he came up with the idea of a powerful bomb that could be planted along the route of Trujillo's evening walk and could be detonated from a near by electronic device. He

seemed to think that this would be a very easy thing to do, and I had a difficult time explaining to him that we are advised by experts that such a device is very delicate and uncertain. Another method that he brought up would be the possibility of poisoning the dictator's food or of putting poison capsules in bottles of certain medicines that the dictator is known to take regularly. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ said that he would explore the latter possibility.

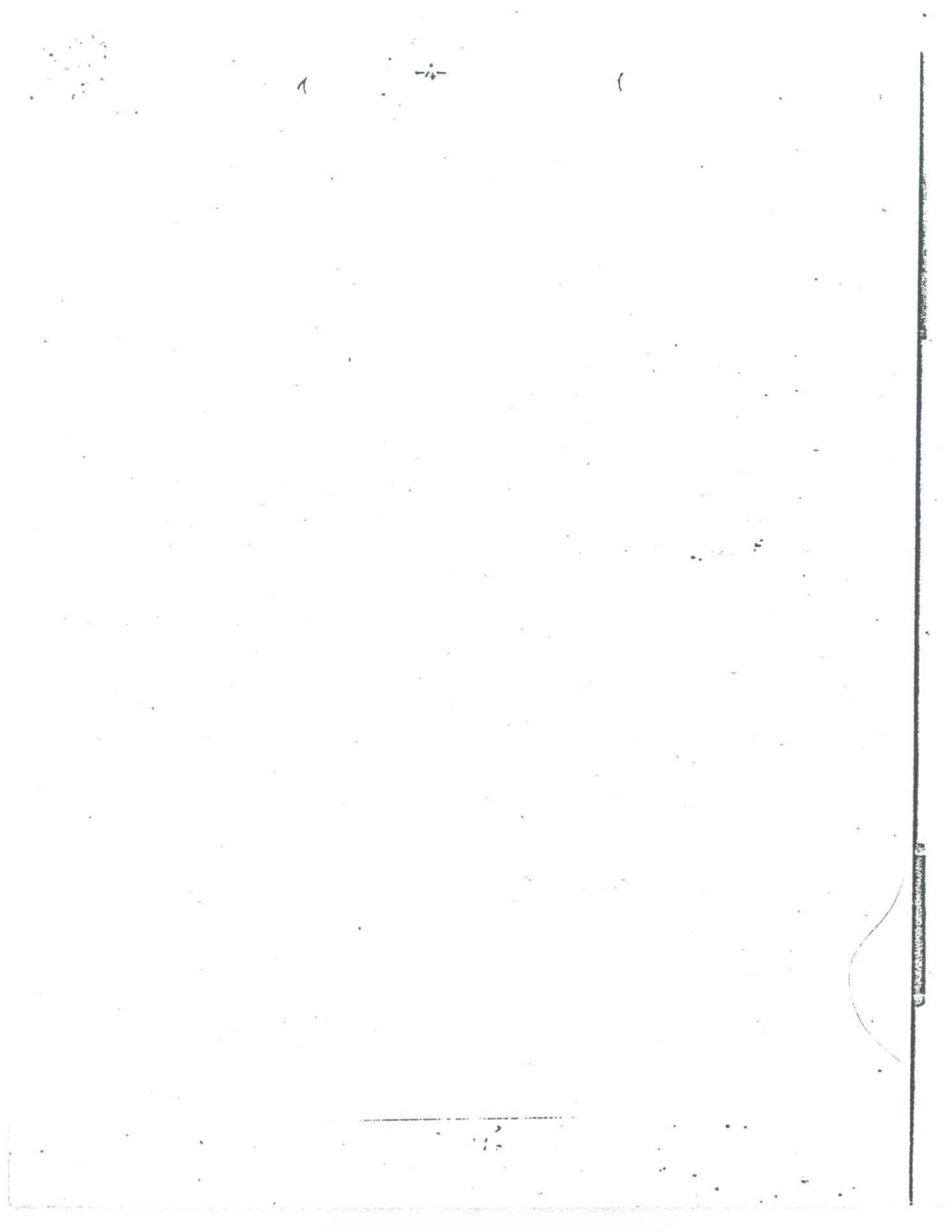
5. A less exotic and more practical plan that they put forward was one that they said had already been planned at one time before. They said that when the dictator leaves his office for his home there are three automobiles in his procession with the dictator himself in the first automobile and the bodyguards in the following two. The idea that has been discussed internally is for several trucks to block the progress of these cars at a given intersection at which time young men who belong to the action groups would leap out of the trucks with fire arms and grenades to finish off the dictator.

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